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Mr. Will Kempton, Director
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Attention: Ross A. Chittenden, Transportation Programming, MS-82

Dear Mr. Kempton:

SUBJECT: Metropolitan Transportation Commission's 2005 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #05-05

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed the review of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's 2005 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #05-05 submitted by your letter dated March 15, 2005. Amendment 05-05 amends in several non-exempt projects throughout the region. The MTC policy board approved TIP Amendment #05-05, as well as its conformity finding, on February 23, 2005.

Pursuant to the July 15, 2004, *Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division, and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX*, we accept these modifications to the 2005-2007 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) for the MTC region in accordance with the federal statewide and metropolitan transportation planning regulations codified in 23 CFR Part 450. We find that the MTC's 2005 TIP, including Amendment #05-05, was developed through a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process in accord with the metropolitan transportation planning provisions of 23 USC §134 and 49 USC Chapter 53.

In our letter to MTC dated March 17, 2005, the FHWA and the FTA made a joint air quality conformity determination for the amended 2005 TIP and *Transportation 2030 Plan*, the regional transportation plan (RTP) for the San Francisco Bay Area. A joint FHWA/FTA air quality conformity determination for the amended 2005 TIP and RTP is required by the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Transportation Conformity Rule, 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93, and the FHWA/FTA Metropolitan Planning Regulations, 23 CFR Part 450.



If you have questions or need additional information concerning this action, please contact Mayela Sosa of the FHWA California Division office at (916) 498-5022, or by email at mayela.sosa@fhwa.dot.gov.

Sincerely,

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